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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJ: MAO NO LONGER GREAT?

REF: (A) HONG KONG 7778 (B) PEKING 0716 (NOTAL)

1. AS POSTSCRIPT TO REFTELS WE NOTE THAT MAO WAS DESCRIBED SIMPLY AS "LEADER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE" IN THE DESCRIPTION OF HIS MEETING WITH LI CHEN-PIEN. AS FAR BACK AS WE CAN REMEMBER, HE HAS INVARIABLY BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE "GREAT LEADER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE."

2. THIS WAS NO SLIP. THE FORMULA WAS REPEATED ON THE RADIO AND IN THE CAPTION FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH ACCOMPANYING THE COVERAGE. FURTHERMORE, EDITORIAL ERRORS OF THIS SORT ARE INCONCEIVABLE BEARING IN MIND THE CARE THAT EACH WORD APPEARING IN THE ORGANS OF THE PROLETARIAT RECEIVES, AND THE EXTREME PENALTIES FOR MISTAKES.

3. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT, BUT FEEL THAT THE
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CHANGE IS SIGNIFICANT, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PREPARATORY

STATES FOR A MAJOR PARTY MEETING.

4. THESE PREPARATIONS CONTINUE, APPARENTLY. LIGHTS
HAVE BEEN ON IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE LATE DURING
THE PAST WEEK, AND USLO OFFICERS HAVE COUNTED AS MANY AS
FIFTEEN OF THE LARGE RED FLAG LIMOUSINES RESERVED FOR
TOP OFFICIALS PARKED OUTSIDE AT ONE TIME (ON AUGUST 2
IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE).
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